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If you care about the appearance of our village please spend a couple of hours with like-minded people to smarten it up for Spring.

Cycling to Cambridge

A cycleway from Bar Hill to Cambridge is planned when the A14 is developed but in the meantime the Parish Councils of Dry Drayton, Madingley and Coton are exploring the possibility of a cycleway through Madingley to the Coton turn on the A428 where it would link into the existing cycle paths. The planned route is off-road – with the exception being through Madingley where there is no easy alternative. There is, of course, an existing cycleway from Bar Hill to Dry Drayton, The aim of these parishes is to provide a safe, direct cycle route linking west Cambridge to Bar Hill via Madingley and Dry Drayton within the next year or so. The Parish Councils involved are asking Bar Hill Parish Council for its support: before we give it the Council would like to hear from residents who would use such a cycleway. Please contact the Clerk—telephone 780456, email bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

"The Willows"

The new building at the entrance to the village is to be known as The Willows. The Parish Council is pleased to tell residents that it has a tenant, who will pay a rent of £20,000 per year. The tenant is a company known as Appletrees Homecare. Many of you will know David and Marie Skinner who began their business in their home in Appletrees. They provide carers for people to be looked after in their own homes, and their business has expanded over the years until they found they needed bigger premises.

The lease will be for 10 years and the Parish Council is very pleased to have let this building to a resident of Bar Hill. We wish them well.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman—Parish Council

COUNCIL TAX

The increase in Council Tax this year is 4.5%. South Cambs District Council set the amount of Council Tax for each of the relevant categories on the basis of a District Council Tax for general expenses on a **Band D property of £112.10 plus** the relevant amounts required by the precepts of Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire Police and Fire Authorities. These are collected by South Cambs DC on behalf of these authorities.

District Council	112.10
Parish Precepts (average)	60.65
County Council	1,017.27
Police Authority	164.70
Fire Authority	56.34
Total	1,411.06

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Copy date for the next issue is 15th April to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

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Dear Editor

I have had for a few years now an environmental problem in Field View. I have not been able to find a solution. I then contacted Bunty Waters, District Councillor and Parish Councillor, of Bar Hill, in the hope she would be able to help me. This lady has worked so hard with phone calls, e-mails - a lot of this was done in her own time. She has now cleared this matter up and we are back to normal....so thank you Bunty for all your help...it has been much appreciated

Jean Burrage

Field View

Dear Editor

I would just like to comment about parents who buy their children these very large trampolines. I am all for children having fun: please don't take this the wrong way BUT with the gardens so small and when the trampolines are squeezed in, do the parents not think of their neighbours? All I can hear all the time is the bouncing noise and squeaky springs when I am sitting in my garden. Kids jumping up and down and, of course, there is no privacy. As nicer weather is on its way I would love to sit in my garden but I can't sit in my garden as the noise is so loud and so annoying. I KNOW we always moan about children causing trouble etc but ALL I AM ASKING IS, PARENTS PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOURS. All I would love to do at times is to sit in my garden without the squeaky springs and bouncing noise.

Regards…

Paul

Dear Editor

Can you please add a note in support of Brian Halls who takes the trouble to provide the enjoyable anagram puzzle each month. It should be remembered by any detractors that all such entries are made voluntarily, ie not for payment. I am sure, therefore, that the Editor would consider including puzzles devised by Mrs Lay to a level of difficulty which Mrs Lay deems appropriate. Some of you know that I compile the small crossword each month. As Mr Halls says, we cannot possibly cater for all residents' abilities so I will attempt in future to alternate the standard: easy one month, harder the next. This month's is easy.

Keith Morris

Dear Editor

Could you please allow a few lines in the BHN to thank the Headmistress of the Bar Hill Primary School for the wonderful 3-course dinner she and her staff produced on the12th March for senior citizens of Bar Hill. Everybody at the school worked hard to see that we where looked after. Everything was perfect. If I was tall enough I would have patted the chef on the head because his Yorkshire puddings and roast potatoes really hit the spot. Again thanks to all at the School.

George Dethridge

10 Gladeside

Dear Editor

Here we go again, another letter in the BHN criticising the Parish Council before getting the facts.

I am, of course, referring to the letter from Mr G Caswell (March BHN) on the planning permission granted for the erection of two wind turbines at Tesco Bar Hill which was full of inaccurate comments and assumptions.

Whilst I share his frustrations, he obviously has no idea how the planning system works and the Parish Council's role in that process. As Margaret Sellars has pointed out the Parish Council can only make recommendations on planning matters: it does not have the final say. Residents of Robin Close and Gladeside were sent letters by South Cambs District Council to give them an opportunity to make their views known. Some residents took time to write back with their objections and, as with the Parish Council, residents do not have the final say on matters which concern them. I would suggest he contacts our District Councillors to ascertain why planning permission was granted, and how the system works.

Sometimes common sense is needed because if the Parish Council had just given a NO to this particular planning application then in all probability it would have been disregarded by South Cambs District Council Planning Committee. However, by raising specific concerns, the opportunity to monitor noise levels was included in the planning consent. If the noise levels are found to be in breach of the regulation it could result in the turbines being removed.

My advice to him, or any other resident who wishes to comment on this or any other matters affecting the village, is to check with the Parish Council before writing illinformed letters to the BHN and get the facts first.

John Doland

Dear Editor

Over the years I kept raising the subject of the "eyesore" at the entrance to the village … estate agents, barber's shop and derelict building.

I have also "kept on" raising the subject of the immense damage caused to our green verges by lorries: not only do we get deep gorges in the grass up to, and sometimes more than, a foot deep we also then get a trail of mud along the road's surface when the offending vehicles move away.

Margaret Sellars, Chairperson of the Parish Council, says that if I have a complaint about it, I should go to South Cambridgeshire District Council and complain. But, the way I see it is .. the Parish Council is our elected guardians of the village, who we rely on to have our best interests, and that of the village, at heart, so if they see anything wrong that affects the people, and/or the village, they should take appropriate action to remedy it for us. That is obviously not being done. I'm sure as least one, or several Councillors, must see the damage caused by the lorries but obviously don't

care enough to do anything about it … why not?
Secondly, as far as I'm aware it is an offence to sell "anything" from the perimeter road around the village. If that is so, can our Councillors please tell us why no action has been taken against the person/persons who sell their cars from the small area of grass next to the skateboard area. The grassed area has been churned up to a muddy mess by the sellers of these vehicles, so is this situation OK with our Councillors as well, or again, would they prefer to turn a blind eye to it so they don't have to do anything about it?
So, come on Chairperson and Councillors of Bar Hill Parish Council, I voted you in, along with everyone else in our village, so I now want you to look after my, and the village's, interest. I don't, along with lots of other people, like to see our grass verges vandalised, so do something about it please!
Nick Richardson

Dear Editor
Lorries running over kerbs and grass verges in our village is a concern to all – including, and especially, Parish Councillors. However, as far as I am aware the drivers are not breaking the law so I'm not sure what Nick expects anyone to do about it. Perhaps he will let us know – I have written at length on several occasions about lorries and the nuisance they cause to our village. It is always raised at the Neighbourhood Panel meetings, where Councillors go to talk to the Police about what the priorities should be for our village. Look at the minutes: at every meeting the question of lorries is raised. Any member of the public can go to these meetings – the next one is on 19 May at 7.30 pm at Swavesey Village College. Go along, and hear first hand what the Police cannot do about the lorries which plague our village.
Regarding the cars for sale on the grassed area by the skatepark, the Parish Council has taken advice on this from Chris Bradley at South Cambs District Council to whom residents should refer if they require further information (phone 08450 450 500). If you wish, you can inform the Parish Council's Clerk of any car which is there, giving her the licence plate number and she will refer it to South Cambs. Her phone number is 780456, or email bhillpc-1@btconnect.com.
Margaret Sellars Chairman – Parish Council

Dear Editor
Mr Caswell's letter in the Bar Hill News last month includes so many points that it is difficult to answer all of them. As regards prior notice of the application, it was posted on the District Council website, an advance notice was displayed, by law, where it could readily be seen (though, I admit, I did not see it), the residents nearest the sites of the turbines - in Gladeside and Robin Close - were informed, and the Parish Council was consulted.
The Parish Council objected on the grounds of noise and the visual impact to the residents of Gladeside. Two residents of Gladeside objected, voicing the same concerns but also that the turbines would constitute a traffic hazard and would take up parking spaces in the Tesco car park. All but one of the residences consulted were over 85 metres from the turbines, the exception being The Fox whose manager did not object.
The Planning Officers - whether they live in Bar Hill is immaterial - recommended that the application should be approved but, as the Parish Council had objected, and Councillor Waters and I had concurred with this, the decision was referred a meeting of the Chairman's Delegation Committee at which I was present. I could not disagree with the view that the turbines did not constitute an overbearing impact considering the other paraphernalia in the Tesco car park. In addition, the planning consent imposed strict conditions on the noise level permitted, which will be continually monitored. I was of the opinion that the full Planning Committee as well as government inspectors would have come to the same decision. This is, by no means, the beginning of a wind farm; one of the turbines - the one nearest The Fox - is on the traffic island at the entrance to the Tesco car park. As to the height of the turbines, these will be considerably lower than the windmill-type, about 30 metres, nor do they have the large sails.
As for other Tesco planning applications during the last few years, several of these have been refused or substantially altered as a result of objections by the Parish Council and Councillor Waters and myself. Yes, Tesco cares little for Bar Hill but, equally, many residents are pleased that the store is on their doorstep and they do not have to travel too far to it like residents of other villages.
Finally, I will probably be able to see one of the turbines from my upstairs windows. Mr Caswell, in Field View, will not be able to unless he avails himself of the facilities Tesco has to offer. I will be pleased to meet with him at any time to discuss this issue further.
Roger Hall
District Councillor

Police are urging members of the public **not to buy** age-restricted items on behalf of children. The plea comes after officers caught a boy spraying paint on a building in Cambridge. The 13 year old boy had asked a member of the public to buy the paint for him. He was reprimanded and another reported to attend court.
PC Steve Hinks, who dealt with the incident, said "There are **age restrictions** on products such as spray paint, alcohol, cigarettes and knives for a reason and the public should not purchase them for young people, even if they are asked to. The links between under age drinking and anti-social behaviour are well known and it is completely irresponsible of people to buy alcohol for children".
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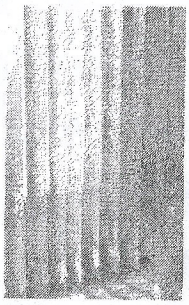

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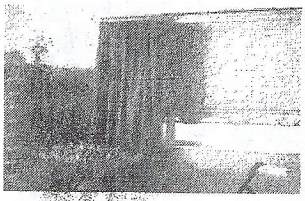

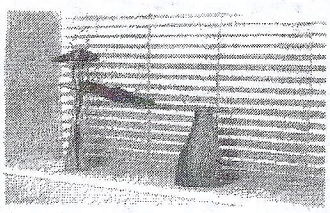

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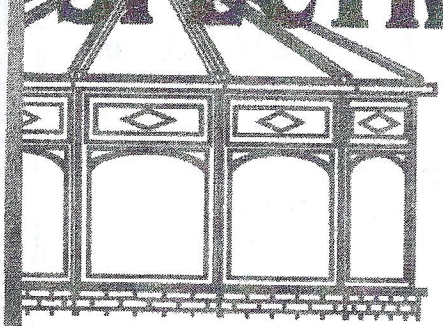

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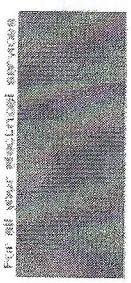

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Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. We also have a certified coach who runs regular coaching sessions for newer players. The club plays in a number of leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other clubs' greens and facilities in the Cambridge area. This year in addition to our usual leagues, we have also entered teams in the men's and ladies' County Triples leagues, so we would like to swell our numbers of experienced players as well as new players.

The outdoor season runs from late **April to September.** If you're tempted, please come along to our **open day on 18th April 2008 (from 2pm)** or alternatively, on any **Monday evening (from 6 pm)** to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com . Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk .

FRIENDS OF BAR HILL LIBRARY

Events in April and May

As well as our regular monthly events, we are offering two special presentations in the Library this spring.

16 April, 7.00 pm Alan Maskell of The Blue Cross will give a talk on the charity's work with animals.

29 May, 7.30 pm Travelling Theatre presents ***The Voyage of Charles Darwin***, in which Darwin reflects on what he discovered on HMS *Beagle* and how it was received in Victorian England. Featuring Geoff Hales, who came for our Victorian Evening a year or so ago.

There will be coffee mornings on **2 April and 7 May**, from 10.00 a.m. to noon, and family history advice on **16 April and 21 May**.

Our events are open to all and our charges are modest – you even have a discount for special events if you are a Member. Tickets are available from the Library; do please book in advance so we know who is intending to come.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

At this month's meeting we spoke about square stockings. Do I hear you ask what are they? They are shoe boxes which will be sent to troops serving overseas during the Christmas period.

We are glad to report that Mr Dennis Holt has returned home after a spell in hospital and also Mrs Kath Reid who has been in hospital on two occasions recently.

We will be having a stall at the Village Fête but haven't yet decided what we will have on it.

We meet in the church meetings room at 8 pm on the 4th Thursday in the month: new members are always welcome.

Mary Shubotham (Sec)
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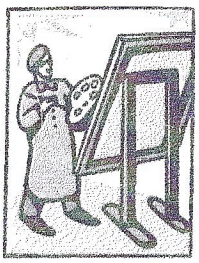
Bar Hill Art Group



We are a group who meet in the church every Wednesday afternoon helping and encouraging one another to paint or draw with tutors coming in occasionally.

We will be holding our 2nd exhibition (on **Friday 24th April at 7.30 pm-9.00 pm and Saturday 25th April 10.00 am until 4.00 pm)** of some of our paintings as well as those of some of our friends who attend other local art groups

We will be hoping to raise money for two charities - one in this country and one abroad.

The one in this country is:-

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The one abroad is :-

SURF which supports a number of **projects in Rwanda** helping survivors from the genocide in 1994 when almost a million people were massacred over a period of 3 months.

Information on both these charities will be available at the exhibition. We do hope you will be able to come along either Friday evening or Saturday to support us and also help us raise money for these two good causes. The entry fee is £2 (children free) and will include light refreshments and a catalogue.

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CUP SEMI-FINAL

Rob's U11 team had a tough semi final draw at home against Ramsey. I went down to support and the teams were evenly matched in the first half with some outstanding individual performances. There were opportunities at both ends making it a great match to watch; unfortunately in the second half Ramsey came out on top knocking Bar Hill out of the Cup. However I saw that the boys are establishing themselves well in their first season at 11-a-side.

However, the following week, in League action, the team bounced back with 19 goals without reply. The team are now going to be busy to fit in their final 10 league games in the remaining weeks of the season.

SPITFIRES STRIKE!

A fantastic all round team performance enabled the Under 13 Girls to beat Balsham 5-1 at home. A dream start for the girls when **Nicole Brown** and **Hayley Stevens** struck the back of the net within minutes of each other, putting us 2-0 up early on. Balsham then found their feet and managed to get the ball through to their forwards putting pressure on our defence. With a strong wind and downhill advantage Balsham goalkeeper's dropkicks were reaching our goal area. However **Grace Plumb** had another stunning half in goal, keeping the ball out supported by a great first half performance from **Sarah Boylan,** who played an important role at centre back. **Issy Bennett's** shot from just inside the area struck the cross bar depriving her of a much-deserved goal. A lack of concentration from the girls resulted in a Balsham goal: this was the wake up call our girls needed to get the game back in their hands. Hard work from Captain **Helena Davis** and **Amy Hancock** from out wide always looked promising, but it was **Brown** who struck her goal of the season with a powerful top corner smash leaving the score 3-1 at half time.

In the second half, **Katie Page** volunteered to go in goal and her confidence with drop kicks kept Balsham quiet with help from a solid defensive display from **Emma Dyson, Ellie Hart** and **Paige Dixon.** An excellent shot from **Chelsea Wills** forced a fantastic save from the Balsham keeper before midfielder **Stevens** managed to slot two more goals to complete her hat-trick.

Final score Bar Hill 5 –1 Balsham

Our final four games should all be very close - a superb end to an enjoyable season.

BULLETS EARN A WIN!

Over the last three games (which we lost all three) the U7 team has matured and started to show signs of understanding how to play against other teams, which was really encouraging.

Saturday 7th March was our fourth game away against Foxton. This was Foxton's first ever game so a good indicator on how we were doing against comparable teams. After a cautious start, the Bullets started to force themselves into the match and they started playing as we know they can - passing the ball, confidently running with the ball and attacking the opposition goal. We played a game of 40 minutes and finished with a very respectable **20-0** victory. We had tasted victory at last! Hopefully we can keep up this momentum into the remaining friendlies we have planned through to when we join the league in September.

ADULTS TEAM RACE NIGHT!

The adult's teams are arranging a Race Night to raise money for their 3 teams on 8 April. It will be held at the Social Club so grab a bit of money and hope you go home with more than you went with.

SAPPHIRES LEAGUE CUP

Gabby Pimentel, Captain U16 Girls, reports on their fourth meeting against Histon on Saturday 14 March.

These matches are always very close and this game was no exception. The game started and the teams were well matched, but within 20 minutes Bar Hill had scored the first goal. A fantastic cross was put in across the keeper enabling **Ellie Hattersley** to place it through the keeper's legs!

In the second half Histon then came back after a slip up by Bar Hill on the edge of the box, making the score 1-1. **Zoe Fisher** from Bar Hill then brought the score up to 2-1 with a screamer from the corner flag, hitting the inside of the cross bar and back into the goal mouth. The referee overruled the linesman and awarded the goal. The final goal came from Histon in the last 5 minutes. We now wait to find out if we are through to the semi finals in the cup. Watch this space for the next update.

TESCO VOUCHERS!

Those of you that regularly shop at our local Tescos will notice they have once again started issuing vouchers for sports equipment. We were very successful last year in collecting vouchers to enable over 50 footballs to be distributed to our Colts teams. This year we would ask the same and any vouchers you collect, please either give them to your manage or put them through the secretary's door at 35 Foxhollow.

END OF SEASON CELEBRATION!

Managers and committee members are now beginning to work hard on planning a fun-filled afternoon and evening event celebrating a fantastic season. There will be food, games, activities, bouncy castles and more - all held in the village so everyone can attend! So please **INK-IN SATURDAY 6 JUNE** into your diaries: it will be an afternoon for everyone to enjoy and appreciate all the effort the players, parents, managers and volunteers have put in to make this season a success.

Vicky x

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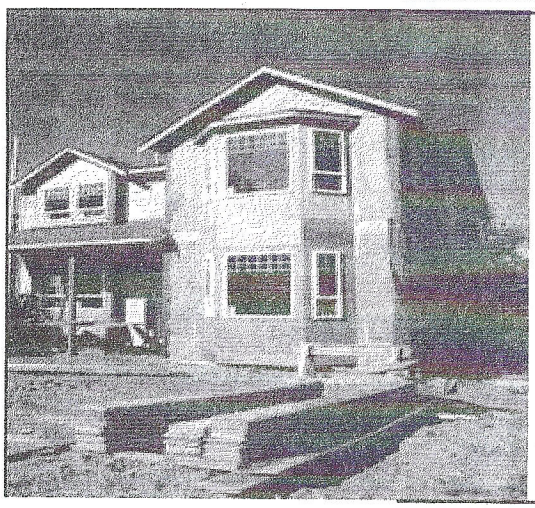

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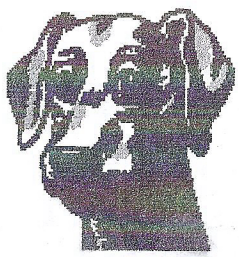

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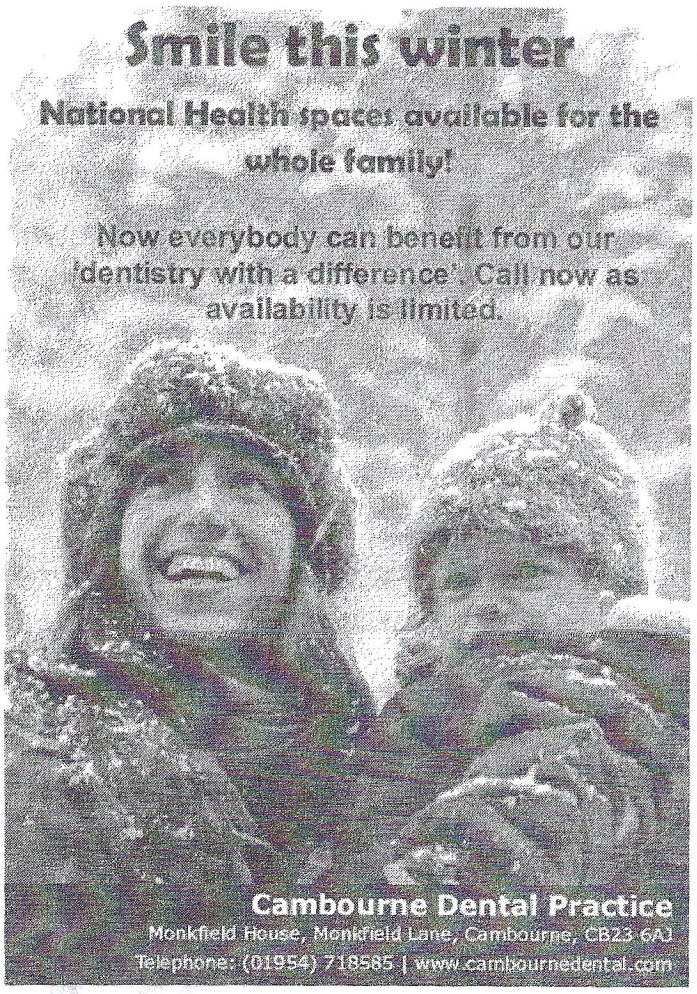

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REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS

Council sets budget to support Cambridgeshire communities

The County Council agreed a budget on 12 February which will increase council tax for 2009/10 by 3.9 per cent. The increase means that the council tax on an average band D property will increase by 73 pence per week, or £38 a year.

Secondary school places

In Cambridgeshire, 6572 children are due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2009. We were able to allocate places, and meet parental preferences as follows:
First preferences - 90.12%
Second and third preferences - 3.82%
The remaining 6.06% is made up of children for whom it was not possible to meet any of their stated preferences and those for whom no application was received.

Cambridgeshire Transport Commission

The Transport Commission, which is looking at ways of tackling congestion in and around Cambridge, is nearing the end of the phase where written evidence is being asked for and is beginning the process of holding public hearings with interested parties. The Commission's website has received over 600 responses to questions the Commission have posed so far and these can be viewed at www.cambstransportcommission.co.uk. Full details of hearings will be posted on the Commission's website as these dates are confirmed.

Chesterton station

The East of England Regional Assembly has recommended to Government that £22.6 million be provided from the Regional Funding Allocation (RFA) towards a new rail station at Chesterton in north Cambridge, combined with an extension of the Guided Busway to the station. If approved, funding for Chesterton will start in 2012, with the bulk of the money coming in 2014 and 2015. The £22.6 million represents over a quarter of the entire funding available regionally from this particular review of RFA. The station would help to reduce the amount of traffic coming into Cambridge and would open up much of north Cambridge, including the Science Park, to the rail network.

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BIN COLLECTION DATES

1 April		Green bin and boxes
8 April		Black bin
15 April	(Thursday)	Green bin and boxes
22 April		Black bin
29 April		Green bin and boxes
7 May	(Thursday)	Black bin

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ROGER HALL AND BUNTY WATERS

On Tuesday 10th March there was a meeting of South Cambs District Council **to agree potential sites for 1,120 additional new homes around Cambridge.** This is in addition to the 20,000 homes that were originally allocated by South Cambs to provide for growth to 2016. The shortfall has arisen because development on some of the major sites such as Northstowe will not now start as soon as had been anticipated. The Planning Inspectorate insisted that the extra numbers be found in order to meet targets.
A number of the sites that were agreed for housing last Tuesday have **major flaws**, for example, some have considerable infrastructure problems, others involve building on green belt. Many of these sites would not have been chosen if local Councilors had been permitted a free decision.

We fundamentally disagree with the process that forced your Council to make this decision.

As Councillors we were told that, if the Council did not approve additional land for housing, then decisions were likely to be made **without regard to local opinion.** In addition, we are warned that if the Council does not meet targets then it is open to **challenge** by individual developers pressing their cases for even less appropriate land. Each of these risks is clearly unacceptable.

We are available as follows:

Roger Hall - 780304/ roger.hall90@ntlworld.com
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8 o'clock Club

The 8 o'clock club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the lounge at the school. (Sorry gents, ladies only.) We try to have a varied programme and for the meetings in this school term we are having the following programme.

2 April	Birthday party – members only

Future dates:

7 May	Talk about Royston Caves
4 June	Minimisation and recycling
2 July	Garden Party

If you would like any further information or would like to join please phone Barbara on 204171, Adela on 204265 or come along to one of our meetings.

What is Girlguiding in Bar Hill?

Girlguiding in Bar Hill is a fun and exciting place to be where girls of all ages enjoy a variety of programmes and activities.

Who are we?

Rainbows are 5-7 year old girls
Brownies are 7-10 year old girls
Guides are 10-14 year old girls

Where and When we meet?

Monday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Tuesday: **Brownies** 6.30-8.00 pm at Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Guides** 7.30-9.00 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Thursday: **Brownies** 5.45-7.15 pm at The Studio, Bar Hill School

Our volunteer leaders put together exciting programmes for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Leaders are 18 plus – New adults always welcome!!!

100 YEARS OF GUIDING.... ***fast approaching....***

Our centenary is fast approaching and beginning later on this year there will begin a year-long celebration of guiding. There are fantastic opportunities for all sections – it will be an amazing time to be part of Girlguiding UK – ***COME ON JOIN THE FUN!***

2nd Bar Hill Brownies

Over the past few weeks we have increased in numbers with several new girls joining us from Rainbows or transferring from other Brownie packs. We are enjoying doing activities for our Environment Badge ably led by Lisa Taylor; one of our Brownie mums. We have also designed Bags for Life and will be entering them in a national guiding competition. Next week we will be 'Doing Something Silly' for Money for Comic Relief. The girls will be dressing up in something silly (and paying a £1 to do this) and decorating red nose cakes to sell after Brownies and doing silly games.

We will then be doing Easter activities and finally going bowling. Next term we will be planning our pack holiday at Houghton Chapel Centre and looking forward to doing many activities in a hopefully fairly warm and fairly dry summer!

If you would like to join us contact Philippa Gebrekiros – 01954 270275 – email pah41@cam.ac.uk

2nd Bar Hill Rainbows

We started the New Year with a bowling party which the girls thought was great fun! We then made thank you cards for our parents for Christmas presents. We explored the village green with a torch treasure hunt, celebrated Burns Night and tried lots of Scottish food. We have had several bugs' evenings. For Thinking Day all the Rainbows joined together to find out about India, trying on saris, learning about Rainbows in India and making rangoli patterns. As a service project for the community we are making flower decoration for the ladies of Happy Hours for Mothers' Day. We are working on Changing the World project to celebrate Guiding centenary. In Rainbows we are raising awareness of bullying as part of the project. The Rainbows are looking forward to Easter crafts especially those involving chocolate!!!

If you would like to join us contact Claire Lloyd on 01954 200591

BAR HILL SCHOOL

Foundation Stage (Reception Class) at Bar Hill Primary School has started the year 2009 with learning opportunities for both adults and children.

We celebrated Chinese New Year (the Year of the Ox) with all the children receiving 'Red Packets' from Mrs Hsu, who told the story of how the animals had a race, with the Rat jumping over the Ox, and that is why the year of the Ox follows the year of the Rat. The children all went home with lanterns that they had made.

Then the snow arrived! It must have been the first experience of a heavy snowfall for some children. The children took full advantage of this experience and also produced beautiful art work.

The next celebration on the calendar was Shrove Tuesday. Kevin, the school Chef, provided an interactive demonstration with every child flipping a pancake and enjoying the taste of a freshly cooked pancake.

Currently we are learning about stories. The children have been reading stories about bears but will be moving on to traditional stories. We would be grateful for any donations of dressing up clothes/costumes to enhance our role play area. Please send into school or drop them off at the school office.

This year is passing very quickly and we have already started (children and adults) to welcome our new children for September 2009.

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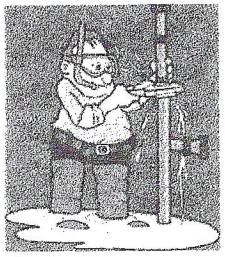

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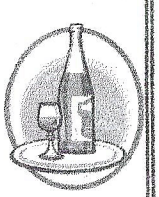

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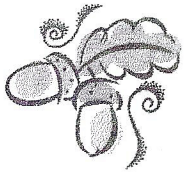

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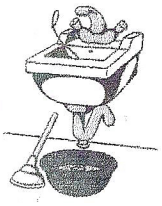

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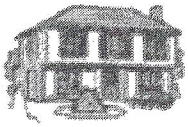

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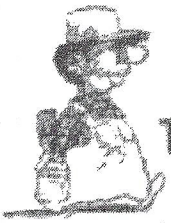

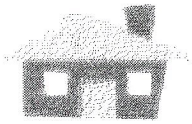

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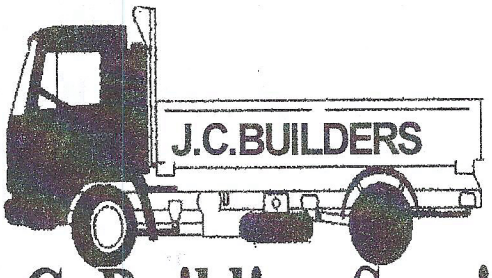

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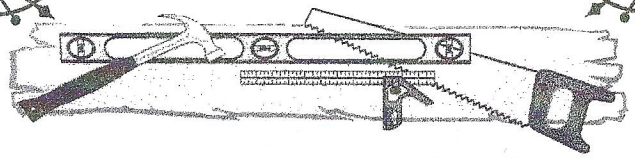

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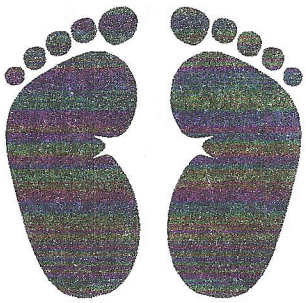

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TIME ANAGRAMS -003

Re-arrange the letter clues to form NINE TIME WORDS in the grid below, reading left to right in alphabetical order

1 DREAD A WIN
2 NOT FRIGHT
3 OH NO MONEY
4 A NEW HELLO
5 MAIM RANTS
6 REMIND WIT
7 ON STOPPED
8 ME BEST REP
9 STRAY EYED

Did you get the answers to March's wordsearch?

Solutions to March's wordsearch
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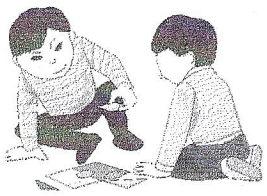
Influenza, Neuralgia, Osteopath,
Pregnancy, Stimulant and Vaccinate

Parent and Toddler Group



Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).
The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.
For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

Village Fête 2009

This year the theme for the Village Fête is International/ Multicultural and some of the competitions and displays will reflect this theme.
Thank you to all those who gave up an evening to come to the open meeting held in March. Those who attended will have been given an insight into the plans for the Village Fete 2009.

Photography Exhibition

We will be putting on a Photography Exhibition in the Village Hall during the afternoon of the Fête. People are invited to submit up to four pictures each that can either represent "Home" or "Away". The pictures will be exhibited in different age ranges:

Primary school age - up to 11 years old
Secondary School age - 12 -16
and 16 and over.

Details of the size picture to be entered and where and when to submit your chosen photos will follow in May's issue of the Bar Hill News. If you can't wait until then please email 'ben@bengallagher.com'

Cookery Competition

There will once again be a cookery competition on the Fête afternoon. There will be recipes printed in the Fête programme that you should all receive in June: you can also find the recipes on the Bar Hill website www.barhill.org.uk. The recipes will reflect different countries from around the world. More details will follow in the May issue of the Bar Hill News.

Groups and Organisations

Any group or organisation who didn't attend the open meeting held in March, but would like to raise funds for their group by being involved with the Fête needs to return their form before 30th April. Any groups'/organisations' forms received after this date may not be able to take part in the Village Fête this year, due to planning.

Stallholders

Anyone interested in having a stall at the Village Fête this year should contact me on 01954 200228 or email kirstengoodfield26@hotmail.com, putting Village Fête in the subject line. There is a small charge for private stalls, but any group/organisation that is a registered Charity is exempt from this charge.
Kirsten

FOUND

A **blue teddy bear key ring** with a car key attached was found in the front garden of 1 Otter Gardens (between 2-8 March).

It is now with Leigh Baffa in the Parish Office.

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there
The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Litter Picking Day
Don't forget that our Litter Picking Day will be on Saturday 4th April at 10 am outside the Parish Council office. Looking forward to seeing a great turn out once again.

Dog Fouling
The Parish Council has received several complaints from residents telling us that a small minority of dog walkers are letting their dogs foul the grassed areas and footpaths and are not picking up after them. Please be aware that allowing a dog to foul any public area is an offence and anyone found guilty could be fined up to £2,000.

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 16th April at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend. Also in April our **Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm in the Octagon**. Again all are very welcome to attend.

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on a Monday at the Parish Offices at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on 20 April.

Bar Hill The Playstation Out of School Club

SPARC Building, Gladeside
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We are situated in a purpose built building next to the School, with direct access from the playground. We provide Childcare for children aged 4-11 in a safe and caring home-from-home environment, with trained and experienced staff.

Our sessions provide the children with a wide range of activities from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft, and lots more or, if they wish, they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We can also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor activities.

During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times
After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday
School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday
Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring
These rooms are now available for hire to the community, at the discretion of the Committee. If you would like to hire The Playstation rooms please contact Patsie on 201079. If you would like to hire the pre-school room please contact Janine Swanser on 203095 or 07851803083. The kitchen and garden areas may also be hired out for an additional charge.

The current charges are:

	Charge/hour	Fixed price
Little Acorns main room	£7.50	
Playstation main room	£7.50	
Kitchen		£10
Garden		£10

There is a minimum hire charge of £25.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

Patsie Ostler
Bar Hill Out Of School Club

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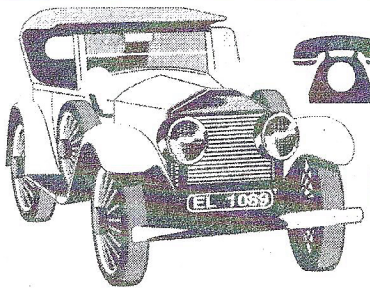

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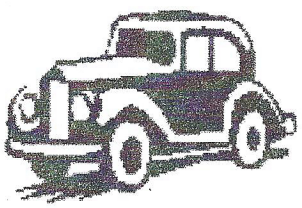

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Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 to 9 pm and Club fees this year are unchanged!!

Annual Membership fees :

1st April 2009 to 31 March 2010: These become due on 1st April. We have again kept the subs at the same price as last year so you can all enjoy the courts at no extra costs:

Adult - £35.00

Junior - £15.00 under 17 or under 19 if in full time education

Family Membership - £75.00 This covers one or two adults living at the same address plus children living with them under 17 or under 19 if in full time education. Guests of members may occasionally use the courts accompanied by members for £2 per person/session.

Free Open Nights

The Club is opening for 3 nights, 7-9 pm on 20th, 21st & 22 April 2009 at the start of the new season and would like to encourage any one who feels that they would like to have a go at tennis but perhaps has not been brave enough to come to our normal Club nights, to come and give it a try. More experienced players are very welcome to come to this session too as an introduction to the Club.

Remember the nights are free. See you there!!

News

- **Competitive Tennis:** Last year, we fielded Men's & Mixed teams in the Cambridge & District LTA League. We shall be entering teams again, so if you are interested in playing, please let a Committee member know (see below)
- **Coaching** – we would like to offer professional Coaching sessions to both adult & juniors if there is enough interest. If you are interested please let John Suchocki know as soon as possible.

Your Committee:

Kevin Jackson (Chairman) 01954 781150 (visltd@yahoo.co.uk)
John Suchocki (Treasurer) 01954 780 461 (j.suchocki@talktalk.net)
Jackie Quazi (Secretary): 01954 201 267 (jeffandjackie@ntlworld.com)
Paul Chubbuck 01954 781 688 (paul.chubbuck@btinternet.com)
Lynda Symonds 01954 200 179 (lynda_symonds@hotmail.com)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or comments.

(Membership form in March's edition of BHN—Ed)

Bar Hill Pre-School

NOW REGISTERED FOR FULL DAY CARE

Our new purpose built Pre-School attached to the Village Hall has bright and airy rooms and a large fully enclosed garden, providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for children aged 2 - 5 years. We are also running full day care from the Church Centre. This is reserved for children in the year prior to commencing school.

The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through Birth to Three matters and progressing to the foundation stage curriculum.

Our main emphasis is learning through play.

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Our Key worker system enables the early years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

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We offer reduced sessions rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from your employer.

Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday

This is our session for babies to Pre-School with Emma our Birth to Three Co-ordinator. We have lots of fun and a large selection of activities, including our new soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00 (rising fives)

We offer a lunch club 11.30 - 12.30 daily

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 during session times or feel free to pop in and see us.

Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

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Bar Hill Village Hall

We have a **NEW CLASS** starting on the 14th of April teaching SHOTOKAN KARATE. Their instructor is Sensei Jeff Rand (Nidan) who has been involved in Karate for nearly 30 years and lives in Dry Drayton, and with chief instructor and founder Sensei Mike Nursey 8th Dan will teach one of the oldest and most traditional styles of the art.

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Tuesday	Shotokan Karate	5.45 pm - 8.00 pm
Wednesday	Aerobics	6.45 pm - 9.00 pm
Thursday	Weightwatchers	6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
And	Karate	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Friday	Noah's Ark (multi-birth club)	10.00 am - 12 noon
And	Martial Arts	6.00 pm- 9.00 pm
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Sunday	Bingo	

You can also join The Sports & Social Club on the top floor at the hall, were you can watch LIVE SPORTS on TV Play pool, Darts, Skittles and Cribbage. On the 11th April we also have **MOTOWN DISCO and QUIZ** for the adults and **MR RAINBOW** entertains the children with **SONGS, MAGIC and a PUPET SHOW.** And on **EASTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON** we have our **EASTER EGG HUNT.** There is also a varied selection of Live MUSIC (see club notices), or just enjoy a quiet drink in the comfortable surroundings. Membership is £8.00 per year and only £1.00 if you are 60 years young.

I look forward to seeing you soon somewhere in the Village Hall.

Iain Martin

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2nd April General Planning Meeting – with Indian nibbles and discussion on the Indian economy – and in true NWR tradition a glass of wine Venue: Heather's

16th April A talk by Dr Ian Calder (Forensic Pathologist) Venue: Zoya's

30th April Wherever They hang their hat is their home! Research Nomads of the World Venue: Marie Therese

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1.00 to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Heather Wheeler on 781208 or Marie-Therese Last on 780329. We can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk it really is worth a look!

CRICKET CLUB

The new season is almost upon us, but first we have two important dates for the diary.

Saturday April 4 will see us carrying out work on the pitch and storage container as part of the **NatWest Cricket Force** weekend and on **Monday April 6** we are holding a **pre-season meeting** at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

This is aimed particularly at **parents and youth players** and is a chance to meet the committee and captains and hear our plans for the season. We will also be accepting player registrations on the night, both for adult and youth teams. Those of you who were under-15s last year are particularly welcome as you prepare to step up to adult cricket.

We will be serving drinks and nibbles on the night, just to give you extra incentive!

We will get into the action later in the month, and it promises to be a challenging season with three Saturday teams in operation this year – the thirds playing their home matches at Swavesey Village College.

There are several Sunday fixtures as well – look out particularly for our three-way **20-20 tournament** on Sunday June 7, when we will be facing Girton and Cambridge City Football Club. All spectators are welcome and there will be a barbecue on the day.

There will also be a match against the Social Club (Wrinklies) and the presidents' match to look forward to later in the summer – more details nearer the time.

Meanwhile, if anyone out there would like to **sponsor us,** we offer a range of options, including match ball sponsorship for £10 and tea sponsorship for £25 per match. We are also looking for a company willing to sponsor a new scoreboard. If anyone wishes to discuss what we can offer in return on these, or any other options, please contact me on the number below.

Early fixtures at the Village Green:

Sat April 18: Needingworth (pre-season friendly, 1.30 pm)

Sat April 25: Girton (pre-season friendly, 2 pm)

Sat May 2: Sawston (first XI, league)

Our full fixture list can be found at www.barhillcricket.org.uk and on our noticeboard in the Social Club.

More details of all our activities, and contact information, can also be found on our website.

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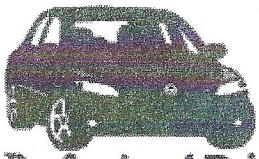

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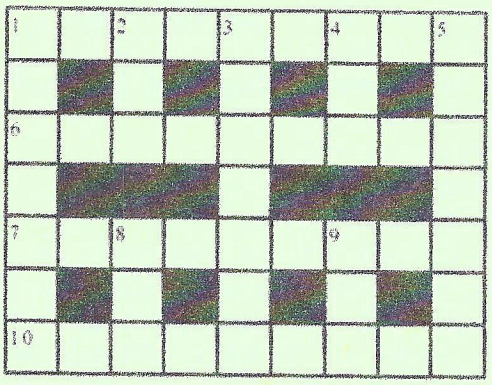
Solution to March's Crossword

Across: 1 precision, 6 Delacroix, 7 laminates, 10 scavenges

Down: 1 peddles, 2 eel, 3 incense, 4 ibo, 5 nexuses, 8 moa, 9 teg



Clues for April

Across: 1 ….. Sullivan, composer of comic opera, 6 those who lie in wait, 7 botanical term for broad leafed, 10 No. 1's librettist.

Down: 1 not deep, 2 abrade, 3 calming, 4 garden tool, 5 begin again, 8 label, 9 recline, falsehood

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -
Services for April 2009

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sunday 5th	10 am	Holy Communion *Palm Sunday*
	6:30 pm	The NEWS (New Evening Worship service)
Thursday 9th	8 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 10th	12:30 pm	Good Friday music and readings
Sunday 12th	6:30 am	Dawn Service
	10 am	Easter Praise: Holy Communion with Baptism and introduction of new members-
Sunday 19th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	Quiet Prayer
Wed 22nd	10 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10 am	All Age Worship
	6:30 pm	Holy Communion

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass on Saturday evening at 6.00 pm in the Octagon

People to contact:

The Minister	Rev Ruth Adams	Tel: 789369
Church Centre Manager	Helen Cook	Tel/Fax: 206120

.Websitewww.barhillchurch.com

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs
Hills Road, Cambridge
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Parish Priest:	Mgr Tony Rogers	Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday	8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday	6 pm First Mass of Sundays

Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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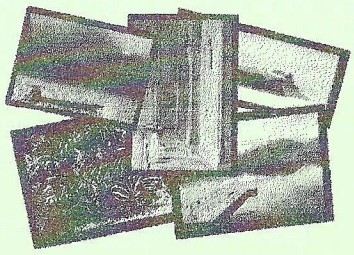

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Happy Hours
The Recycled Youth Club

A number of our members spent a long weekend in Skegness over Valentine's at the Royal Hotel where we were well looked after with food and entertainment, and Tony's lovely surprise of chocolates, wine and strawberries on the 14th. The Sunday was spent with a tour of Bateman's Brewery, where a number of old pub games were brought in for everyone to try, not forgetting the free samples!

On 23rd February Nick Richardson from the village came and gave a question and answer talk, bringing with him many natural history items from wood knots to birds and frogs – it was extremely interesting and informative.

Our outing to the Garden Centre and pub lunch at Pulloxhill was a great success and enjoyed by all who went, many finding it a good time to buy some plants.

The Committee had their "thank you" annual lunch on 3rd March at the Travellers' Rest, so nice to be waited on and not worry about getting it ready.

The School have kindly invited us to lunch on 12th March which I hope many will go to. Kevin cooked a super meal last time and I'm sure this will be just as good. Gosh, there is a lot of food and drink about here: not the norm, I hasten to add.

The Club 5-day spring holiday to Weymouth is on 6th April. Unfortunately as most of the Committee are going it will be necessary to close on this Monday as well as 13th, being Easter. To make up we shall be having some surprises and entertainment on 30th March.

Very pleased to report that Dennis Holt is now home, although confined to the house for a few weeks. Our friend Len Sherman is still in Brookfields struggling to get better. Will this be my last notice I wonder? Hurry up and get mobile again Dennis and take back the reins.

Helen Collins

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Nick's Nature Notes
"The Rodenator"

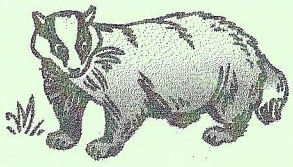
I would like to say thanks to those people who phoned me about the "explosions" heard around the village, especially Roy Childs.

The landowners around us have the use of a machine called a "Rodenator" which … it's a device that injects an explosive mixture of propane gas and oxygen into a tunnel system which is then electronically ignited, resulting in an explosion. The claim is that the resulting shock wave will kill any animals that are present and collapse the burrows.

I have been in touch with the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and they have made clear that these "Rodenator" type devices must not be used for killing wild animals in this country. However, they can legally be used to collapse burrows and tunnels if there are no animals present, and used in this fashion they do not require a licence or DEFRA approval (despite what a recent "Farmers' Weekly" magazine said, no licences have been issued for this machine).

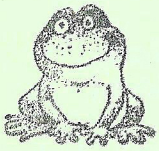
The maximum penalty for using an explosive, other than ammunition for a firearm, to kill wild animals is £5,000 and six months in prison. There is also a similar penalty for asphyxiating any wild animal with intent to inflict unnecessary suffering, which is a potential consequence of incomplete destruction of an occupied burrow system.

Natural England has serious concerns about the use of these devices to collapse burrows because of the practical difficulties of ensuring that burrows and tunnels are free of animals. Claims that it takes "one minute per burrow to do the job" and that the device can be used to destroy 250-300 rabbit burrows a day give rise to concern.



Some people raised concerns with me that they could be used on badger setts but, hopefully, the operators know the difference between a rabbit burrow and a badger sett: but, and it cannot be stressed enough … if there is any reason to believe an animal, any wild animal, is in the burrows or are likely to be in the burrows then do not collapse them.

If you have concerns about this device being used in the countryside, contact Paul Butt at Natural England on 01233 811265 or email paul.butt@naturalengland.org.uk.



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